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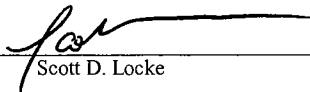
Dear Sir:

This amendment and reply is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on December 11, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to respond. This response is submitted within that time period. Accordingly, it is timely.

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